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Brucellosis Outbreak in Mostar

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Report Highlights:

The Mostar city hospital reported six human cases of Brucellosis over the weekend. Following these reports, the veterinary inspection service in Herzegovina tested approximately 500 animals with 66 sheep and two cows from the Boracko Lake area testing positive for Brucellosis. The results are still pending for samples taken from two other localities.

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The Mostar city hospital reported six human cases of Brucellosis (mostly farmers) over the past weekend. Following these reports, the veterinary inspection in Herzegovina tested approximately 500 animals from three localities where the patients reside, including Boracko Lake, Borci and Vrdolje. So far, 66 sheep and two cows from the Boracko Lake area tested positive for Brucellosis (out of 150 tested animals). Samples taken from animals in the two other suspected localities have been sent for testing. However, the results are not yet known.

The Veterinary Department of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture formed a crises management team in order to control and prevent the spread of the disease. Last year, both animal and human cases of Brucellosis were reported from the above-mentioned localities.